

What People Are Saying

"Thank you for all of the hard work you do to protect our estuaries. We will be stewards with you."

Mrs. Rex's second grade class from Redwood Elementary, Fort Bragg, CA

"In my many years of state service, one of the things I am most proud of is my involvement with the Watershed Stewards Program (WSP). This project has provided hundreds of AmeriCorps members hands-on experience with some of the finest resource professionals throughout California. As a result of WSP, many former members are now working as natural resource professionals."

Gary Flosi, CA Department of Fish & Wildlife



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WATERSHED **STEWARDS PROGRAM**

The mission of the Watershed Stewards Program is to conserve, restore, and enhance anadromous watersheds for future generations by linking education with high quality scientific practices.





One of the most productive programs for future employment in natural resources.

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Watershed Stewards Program



The Watershed Stewards Program (WSP), established in 1994, is a comprehensive, community-based watershed restoration and education program. Members serve throughout California's coastal watersheds, supporting the WSP mission to conserve, restore and enhance anadromous (salmon and trout-bearing) watersheds for future generations.

In collaboration with private landowners, timber companies, tribal communities, commercial and sport fishing industry representatives, teachers, community members, non-profit organizations, and public agencies, the WSP's partnerships work to revitalize watersheds that contain endangered and threatened species by using state-of-the-art data collection and watershed recovery techniques.

During their year of service, members learn and implement advanced watershed assessment procedures, participate in instream and upslope restoration activities, present the WSP Wonders of Watersheds (WOW!) curriculum to local K-12 grade students, engage community members in volunteer projects, perform public outreach and facilitate environmental education workshops and symposiums.

California Conservation Corps (CC)



The California Conservation Corps (CCC), a state agency, hires young adults for a year of natural resource work and emergency response.

During their time in the CCC, the young women and men work hard protecting and restoring California's environment and responding to disasters, becoming stronger workers, citizens and individuals through their service.

AmeriCorps (A)



AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 85,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in public safety, the environment, youth and economic development, and disaster relief and preparedness.

20 Years of WSP Accomplishments

Watershed Protection and Recovery

- ~35,000 miles of stream, riparian and upslope surveys
- ~3,000 scientific reports and databases generated
- ~1,700 watershed restoration projects developed

Education

~50.000 students received salmon and watershed education

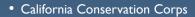
Outreach/Volunteer Recruitment

- ~238,000 students and community members reached
- ~17,000 volunteers recruited for restoration projects

Member Benefits

WSP members receive a living stipend of approximately \$17,000 per one-year term, health care benefits, and student loan forbearance. Upon successful completion of the 1800 hour term of service, members receive an AmeriCorps education award equivalent to that of the Pell Grant (\$5,500).





- California Department of Fish and Wildlfie
- Corporation for National and Community Service

Placement Sites

- California Conservation Corps
- CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- United States Forest Service
- State Water Boards
- Resource Conservation Districts
- National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration
- Municipal Water Districts
- National Park Service
- Tribal Organizations
- Various Non-Profits
- WSP Offices

